

Briefing

OEXA: 82-2456
18 October 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: [REDACTED]
Acting Director, Office of External Affairs

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SUBJECT: Visit of Daniel Southerland, Christian Science Monitor,
1500 Hours, 18 October

1. You agreed to see Christian Science Monitor reporter Daniel Southerland at 1500 hours today at his request. Mr. Southerland is working on a story concerning intelligence in the decade ahead. He would be very interested in your views on the future of intelligence under your Administration and what you believe may develop in the years immediately following. A brief bio is attached at left.

2. Southerland has indicated a specific interest in:

--Resources: Support of the Administration for increased budgets to improve capabilities.

--Growing Challenges: Dangers of military and economic confrontations; imponderables related to Soviet leadership succession. (Southerland would also benefit from the points you make in your speeches regarding technology transfer, Soviet projection of power by proxy forces, terrorism, active measures.)

--Morale: Has heard it is up in all components except DDI/SOVA. (Southerland has probably heard grumblings about SOVA having moved out of Headquarters building. Dick Kerr tells me there was such grumblings but that whatever loss of morale there was has come back. The grumblings reflected SOVA's concern about not being able to do as good job out of the mainstream of daily events. There are plans to move SOVA back.)

--Poland: Has heard intelligence not of high quality, particularly in predicting events. (DDI's [REDACTED] has STAT provided a response which is at left.)

--FOIA: (Southerland probably will pick up on your recent comments to the American Legion in Chicago. Your letter to The Editor responding to editorials is at left. Points to be made are

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a) we have never suggested FOIA should be done away with,
b) but intelligence is in need of some relief from the Act because
of the incompatibility of a secret organization searching its
files for release of information to the public.)

3. Southerland has been told you will be unwilling to discuss
covert action and anything about an alleged trip abroad. The guidelines
for the interview are that everything you discuss will be off-the-record
but that any material he may wish to use in his story can be negotiated
during the meeting.

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Attachments:
As Stated

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Daniel Southerland -- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Southerland, diplomatic reporter for the MONITOR, is primarily a Far East specialist. He spent some dozen years reporting from the Far East, first for UPI and then for the MONITOR. He also is described in a MONITOR advertisement as having a solid academic background in international relations, including two Master's degrees and study abroad. In July 1975, Southerland was served with an expulsion order while in New Delhi after refusing to sign a pledge of support for strict censorship guidelines laid down by the Indian government. Since 1976, most of his articles have been datelined Washington.

Southerland has been to Headquarters several times over the past ten years for background briefings on the Far East, the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and Central America. He also has shown interest in intelligence issues, including legislation, recruitment, and the need for improving foreign language capabilities. He interviewed an Agency recruiter for an article in 1977 and then-General Counsel Silver in 1980 on the burdens created by FOIA.

In the summer of 1981 he wrote a series of articles on international espionage and the world's intelligence services, for which he received a citation for excellence from the Overseas Press Club of America.

He met with then DDCI Inman on 8 January 1982 to discuss whether Poland was an intelligence success or failure.

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